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In re Patent Application of:

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COMPOSITIONS AND METHOD OF USE

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated Fublum 3, 2004 finally rejecting claims 2, 5-8, 16, 18-21, 23, and 24, for this application and in accordance with a Request for Continued Examination, please consider the accompanying remarks. Applicants also submit herewith: (1) a Petition for Extension of Time, requesting that the time period for responding to the Office Action be extended for a period of one (1) month (i.e., from September 30, 2004 up to and including October 30, 2004); (2) a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"); and (3) a Fee Transmittal accompanied by a check in payment of the estimated Extension and RCE fees.

It is believed that no additional fees are required for these submissions. However, the Fee Transmittal form submitted herewith authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiencies in the required fees and/or to credit any refund owed to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.